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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. ☒ Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
☐ other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below.

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- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition \ for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

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- (c) ☐ No additional fee for claims is required.
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(d) ☒ Total additional fee for claims required \$500.00.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111

Sir:

This is response to the First Office action on the merits in this application, mailed April 25, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of his application, in view of the amendments, response, comments, and clarifications contained herein. The amendments are as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2; and